

## By the Quene.

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**I**he Quenes Maiestie vnderstanding that there be certaine persons, hauing in times past the office of Ministry in the church, which nowe do purpose to vse their former office in Preaching and Ministry, and partly haue attempted the same, assembling specially in the City of London in sondry places, great number of people, wheruppon riseth amonges the common sort not only vnfrutefull dispute in matters of religion, but also contention and occasion to breake common quiet: Hath therfore according to thauthoritie committed to her highnes, for the quiet gouernaunce of al maner her subiectes, thought it necessary to charge & commaund, like as hereby her highnes doth charge and comaund, all maner of her Subiectes, aswel those that be called to ministry in the churche, as al others: that they do forbear to preache or teache, or to geue audience to any maner of doctrine or preaching, other then to the Gospels and Epistels, commonly called the Gospell and Epistel of the daye, and to the Ten commaundementes in the bulgar tongue, without exposition or addition of any maner sence or meaning to be applied or added, or to vse any other maner of publique Praier, Rite or Ceremonie in the churche: but that whiche is already vsed and by lawe receaued, or the common Letany vsed at this present in her Maiesties owne Chapell, and the Lordes praier, and the Crede in English, vntill consultation may be had by Parliament, by her Maiestie and her three estates of this Realme, for the better conciliation and accorde, of suche causes as at this present are moued in matters and ceremonies of Religion.

**T**HE true aduancement wherof to the due honour of almighty God, the increase of vertue and godlynes with vniuersall charitie and conoord amonges her people, her Maiestie mooste desyeth and meaneth effectually by all maner of meanes possible, to procure and to restore to this her Realme.

**V**herunto, as her Maiestie instantly requireth all her good faithfull and louing subiectes to be assenting and ayding with due obedience: So, if any shall disobediently vse them selves to the breach herof, her Maiestie both must and will see the same duely punished, both for the qualite of thoffence, and for example to all others neglecting her Maiesties so reasonable commaundement. **Y**euen at her highnes palais of Westminster, the .xxvij. day of December, the first yeare of her Maiesties reigne. 1558

God saue the Quene.

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